

Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities

Announcement of Funding Availability

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Proposal Guidance and Instructions

AFA Title: Intensive Outpatient Program/Services Targeting Region 4

AFA Number: AFA-07-2012-SA

For Grant Period: November 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities
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For Technical Assistance please include the AFA # in the subject line and forward all inquires in writing to:

DHHR.BHHF.Grants@wv.gov

Key Dates:		
Date of Release	September 17, 2012	
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALL (304) 558-6338 Enter pin #7999	September 20, 2012 11:00am to 11:45am	
Letter of Intent to Apply for Funding due by:	September 24, 2012 Close of Business –	
	5:00PM	
Application Deadline:	October 15, 2012 Close of Business – 5:00PM	
Funding Announcements will be made:	On or before October 31 st , 2012	
Funding Amount Available for this AFA:	Not to exceed \$150,000.00	

All organizations planning to submit an application for an Announcement of Funding Availability (AFA) must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) by the stated due date to the email address: DHHR.BHHF.Grants@wv.gov prior to submission of the AFA.

Please list the AFA title and number found on Page 1 of this document in the subject line.

These letters of intent shall serve to document the applicant's interest in providing each type of service (AFA) and will not be considered binding until documented receipt of the application.

RENEWAL OF AWARD

BBHHF may renew or continue funding beyond the initial fiscal year award for a period not to exceed one additional fiscal year period beyond the stated AFA period (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013). As such, at the discretion of the BBHHF funding may be renewed for a period no later than June 30, 2014. Future funding will be contingent on availability of funds and successful implementation of goals and documented outcomes.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must be able to provide proof of 501(c) 3 status and possess a valid West Virginia business license. If the applicant is not already registered as a vendor in the State of West Virginia, this must either be completed by the award notification date or the vendor must demonstrate proof of such application. It is also required that the applicants have a Central Contractor Registration (CCR) number and have a Dun & Bradstreet or DUNS number. For more information visit: https://www.bpn.gov/ccr

The Grantee is solely responsible for all work performed under the agreement and shall assume all responsibility for services offered and products to be delivered under the terms of the award. The State shall consider the designated Grantee applicant to be the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters. The Grantee may, with the prior written consent of the State, enter into written sub agreements for performance of work; however, the grantee shall be responsible for payment of all sub awards.

Funding Availability

This funding announcement is part of a statewide plan to expand regionally based substance abuse and crisis services that have been identified as a priority for Region 4. This funding recommendation was made possible by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin on August 23, 2012, with the availability of a maximum of \$150,000.00 for intensive services development in the region.

Funding for <u>Detoxification-Stabilization Units</u> will be awarded based on accepted proposals that meet all of the required criteria contained within this document. Funding availability for this AFA is as follows:

REGION	REGIONAL FUNDING AVAILABILITY
	Not to exceed:
4	\$150,000.00

Start Up Costs

Applicants are advised that twenty percent 20% of the 2.5 million designated for capital/startup costs funded by the State of West Virginia (\$500,000) will be available for the first round of Announcement of Funding Availability's (AFAs 06-2012-SA through 10-2012-SA) issued by the Bureau. As such, applicants who wish to request reasonable startup funds for their programs must submit a separate "Startup" target funded budget and budget narrative along with their proposals.

For the purposes of this funding startup costs are defined as non-recurring costs associated with the setting up and opening of a program, such as fees, registrations, training, equipment purchases, renovations and/or capital expenditures.

For the purposes of proposal review, all startup costs requests submitted by the applicant will be considered to be necessary for the development of the service and/or program outlined in the applicant proposal. As such, where/if capital/start-up costs exceed funding availability the proposal may not be funded. The maximum amount available for Intensive Outpatient Programs/Services will be \$25,000 per program developed.

REGIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA

BBHHF is currently utilizing the six region approach designated by the Governor's Advisory Council on Substance Abuse (GACSA).

Region 1: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel Counties.

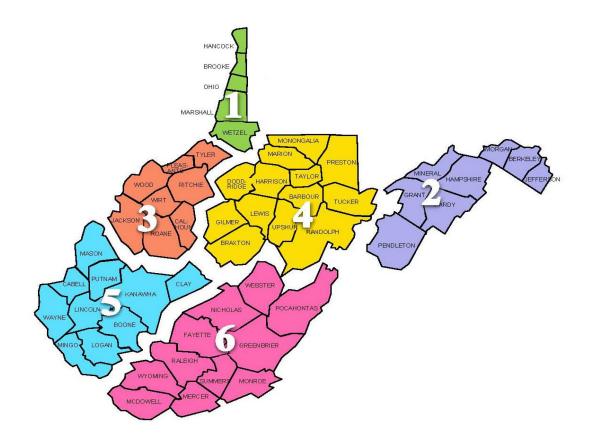
Region 2: Morgan, Berkeley, Jefferson, Mineral, Hampshire, Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton Counties.

Region 3: Tyler, Pleasants, Wood, Ritchie, Wirt, Jackson, Roane, and Calhoun Counties

<u>Region 4</u>: Monongalia, Marion, Preston, Doddridge, Harrison, Taylor, Barbour, Tucker, Gilmer, Lewis, Upshur, Randolph, and Braxton counties.

Region 5: Mason, Cabell, Putnam, Kanawha, Clay, Wayne, Lincoln, Boone, Mingo, and Logan Counties

<u>Region 6</u>: Webster, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Fayette, Greenbrier, Raleigh, Summers, Monroe, Wyoming, McDowell, and Mercer Counties.



Section One: INTRODUCTION and Overview

Individuals and families cannot be healthy without positive mental health and freedom from addictions and abuse of substances. Prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for behavioral health are important parts of health service systems and communitywide strategies that work to improve health status and lower costs for individuals, families, businesses, and governments.

Substance abuse, addictions, poor emotional health, and mental illnesses take a toll on individuals, families, and communities. They cost money, and they cost lives, in the same way that physical illnesses that are not prevented, are left untreated, or are poorly managed. Their presence exacerbates the cost of treating co-morbid physical diseases and results in some of the highest disability burdens in the world compared with other causes of disability. The impact on American's children, adults, and communities is enormous:

- The annual total estimated societal cost of substance abuse in the United States is \$510.8 billion.
- By 2020, behavioral health disorders will surpass all physical diseases as a major cause of disability worldwide.
- In 2008, an estimated 9.8 million adults aged 18 and older in the United States had a serious mental illness. Two million youth aged 12 to 17 had a major depressive episode during the past year.
- In 2009, an estimated 23.5 million Americans aged 12 and older needed treatment for substance use but only 11 percent of those people receive treatment
- Half of all lifetime cases of mental and substance use disorders begin by age 14 and three-fourths by age 24.

West Virginia, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is working to improve understanding about mental and substance use disorders, promote emotional health and the prevention of substance abuse and mental illness, increase access to effective treatment, and support recovery.

Leading by Change: A Plan for SAMHSA's Roles and Actions

West Virginia is committed to creating communities where individuals, families, schools, faith-based organizations, coalitions, and workplaces plan collaboratively and take action to promote good emotional health and reduce likelihood of mental illness and substance abuse.

West Virginia Substance Abuse System

The Division on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the Divisions of Child, Adolescent and Adult Behavioral Health, operating divisions of the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities (BBHHF) within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR), are charged in WV State code with being the Single State Authority (SSA) primarily responsible for prevention, control, treatment, rehabilitation, education research and planning for substance abuse and mental health related services.

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The principles that guide the work of the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities are aligned with SAMHSA in understanding that the evidence base behind behavioral health prevention, treatment and recovery services continues to grow and promises better outcomes for people with and at risk for mental and substance use disorders.

Behavioral Health Integration

As health reform efforts are being enacted and SAMHSA is promoting the importance of integrated behavioral health, it is necessary for WV to align its thinking and planning

processes within these parameters. Grantees should describe how they plan to integrate prevention into physical and mental health organizations/businesses.

Substance Abuse in WV

- Prescription drug overdoses in WV rose 214% from 291 deaths in 2001-2002 to 927 deaths in 2009-2010.
- In 2009, Alcohol was a factor in 40% of fatal motor vehicle accidents in WV.
- WV has the highest annual, per capita, number of retail prescription drugs filled at pharmacies nationwide.
- Opiates are the number one cause of death associated with drug overdoses in WV.
- In 2010 the WV Poison Control Center received 4 calls related to bath salt exposures; in 2011 the number increased to 270 exposure calls – a 6000% increase in one year's time.
- Hospitalization admissions with an alcohol abuse/dependence related diagnosis at discharge rose 11% from 2005 to 2009.

Mental Illness in WV

- Over 14% of West Virginian's in 2006 reported having at least one episode of serious psychological distress within the past year.
- In 2010, approximately 25.1% of the people experiencing homelessness staying in shelters in WV reported mental illness and/or substance abuse.
- The WV suicide rate in 2010, 15.6 per 100,000 population, was well above the national average in 2007 at 11.5 per 100,000 population.
- WV's youth reported one of the highest suicide attempt rates in the nation at nearly 11% in 2009.
- Over 10% of student's in grades 9 through 12 reported a suicide attempt within the past 12 months.
- In 2010, almost 30% of domestic violence survivors identified that substance abuse was a contributing factor to their abuse.

McBee, Shannon (2011). Behavioral Health in West Virginia: A State Epidemiological Profile. West Virginia

Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities, Division on

Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Strategic Direction

Applicants should assure that their proposal application is aligned with the strategic direction of the BBHHF which is included within the 2012 SAMHSA Integrated Block Grant Application and the West Virginia Comprehensive Substance Abuse Strategic Action Plan.

The SAMHSA Integrated Block Grant Application can be found at the following link: http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bhhf/resources/Pages/FinancialResources.aspx

The WV Comprehensive Substance Abuse Strategic Action Plan may be found at: http://governorssubstanceabusetaskforceswv.com/images/Resources/strategicactionplan-info.pdf

Behavioral Health Prevention, Treatment and Recovery System Goals		
Priority 1 Assessment and Planning	Implement an integrated approach for the collection, analysis, interpretation and use of data to inform planning, allocation and monitoring of the WV behavioral health service delivery system.	
Priority 2 Capacity	Build the capacity and competency of WV's behavioral health workforce and other stakeholders to effectively plan, implement, and sustain comprehensive, culturally relevant services.	
Priority 3 Implementation	Increase access to effective behavioral health prevention, early identification, treatment and recovery management that is high quality and person-centered.	
Priority 4 Sustainability	Manage resources effectively by promoting good stewardship and further development of the WV behavioral health service delivery system.	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In June 2010 the needs assessment process to support the development of the strategic plan for Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery services was initiated in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) with a series of meetings of key stakeholders and representatives of the BBHHF. A total of 14 key stake holder, focus groups and

community forums engaging more than 400 participants were conducted to assess current public perception about substance misuse, use, and abuse, treatment availability, prevention efforts and what is currently absent from and working effectively in communities across the state. In addition, various topic or agency specific work sessions (youth, law enforcement and others) were convened to support a full understanding of and development of action strategies needed.

On September 6, 2011, Governor Earl Ray Tomblin issued Executive Order 5-11, establishing the Governor's Advisory Council on Substance Abuse (GACSA) and six (6) Regional Task Forces (RTF's). These newly formed entities meet regularly and share a collective charge to provide guidance regarding implementation of the approved *Statewide Substance Abuse Strategic Action Plan*, recommend priorities for the improvement of the statewide substance abuse continuum of care, identify planning opportunities with interrelated systems and provide recommendations to the Governor emphasizing the enhancement of: substance abuse education; collecting, sharing and utilizing data; and supporting policy and legislative action. Significant legislation was passed during the regular 2012 Legislative Session to improve conditions regarding substance abuse, including but not limited to \$7.5 Million in additional State revenue supporting the Substance Abuse Continuum of care. After completing a thorough review of the service delivery system and considering community identified need, the Governor is pleased to announce, in coordination with the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities, the availability of these funds.

Section Two: SERVICES DESCRIPTION

Treatment is intended to improve social functioning through abstinence from alcohol and drugs for individuals diagnosed with chemical dependency. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is part of the treatment continuum and is not considered antithetical to recovery. Treatment is defined as the use of any planned, intentional intervention in the health, behavior, personal and/or family life of an individual suffering from substance abuse/dependency and is designed to help that person achieve and remain in recovery, physical and mental health and a maximum quality of life.

Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Substance Abuse Treatment:

- Are services that are provided in a far more structured fashion
- They require three to five day a week attendance, a robust program of substance abuse group therapy, as well as other types of group therapy (like parenting, anger management, etc.)
- Are understood to provide essentially the same services as residential treatment,
 but the client remains living outside of the service provider's location.
- This type of service is appropriate for someone who needs intensive, concentrated services but has a safe environment to reside in during treatment.

For intensive outpatient services reimbursable under Medicaid, abide by the Bureau for Medical Services Medical Policy Manuals: Chapter 502; Behavioral Health Clinic Section 502.11.2, Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment or Chapter 503 Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services; Section 503.11.2, Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment.

Section Three: PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants must be able to provide proof of 501(c) 3 status and possess a

valid West Virginia business license and may include Substance Abuse Providers, Faith

Based Organizations, Peer-Support Agencies/Organizations or others having

experience in substance abuse services and/or recovery supports.

All proposals must include a one-page proposal abstract. The abstract should include

he project name, description of the population to be served, planned

strategies/interventions, and a general overview of project goals and measurable

objectives, including the number of people projected to be served annually. Project

abstracts may be used for governmental reports and public release. As such, all

applicants are encouraged to provide a well-developed abstract document.

All applications will be reviewed by BBHHF staff for administrative compliance with all

required guidelines. All applications passing the administrative review will be

subsequently forwarded to the grant review team which will score the proposal narrative

consisting of six areas:

Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation – The Project Narrative describes

your project. It consists of Sections A through E. Sections A-E together may not be

longer than 25 pages.

A. Brief Description of agency/agency history and experience (5 points)

B. Data and Assessment (20 Points)

C. Community and Workforce Capacity (25 Points)

D. Quality Evidence Based Services (20 Points)

E. Partnership & Sustainability (20 Points)

F. Budget & Budget Narrative (10 Points)

✓	Attachments-Letters of Intent may be included that offer community based
	support for your project. These attachments will not be considered within the 25
	page count.

Section Four: PROPOSAL OUTLINE

All proposal submissions must include the following components without exception.

Proposal Abstract

Provide a brief description of the service proposed as earlier set forth in this announcement and as provided for on the proposal template.

Proposal Narrative:

A. <u>Description of Agency, agency history and experience.</u>

• Describe the history of the applicant agency/organization

B. Data and Assessment (Demonstrating Need)

- Indicate which region and counties that will be served by the project
- Describe the alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) problems and consequences in the region, including each county being proposed to serve by identifying: prevalence of use, risk and protective factors, perception or risk of harm and other supporting data
- Describe those impacted or affected by or involved in the problems and consequences

C. Community and Workforce Capacity to Implement Proposed Activity

- Describe your organization's experience in substance abuse services and your capacity to carry out the activities you proposed. Please describe the proposed staff education, practical experience, certifications, licensure and technology skills (staff resumes are not necessary)
- List all evidence based programs and practices that you currently use/have been trained in or implemented and/or that you propose for use/application with this project

D. Quality Evidence Based Services

 Describe the population of focus determined for the proposed project. Please include the applicable demographic information (such as age, race/ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status)

- All grantees must submit health disparity impact statements as part of the application by (1) identifying subpopulations (i.e., racial, ethnic, sexual/gender minority groups) vulnerable to health disparities in your region and (2) suggest strategies to decrease the differences in access, service use, and outcomes among those subpopulations. A strategy for addressing health disparities is use of the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Health Health Care which in and can be found at: http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvIID=15
- Healthy People 2020 defines a health disparity as a "particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage. Health disparities adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on their racial or ethnic group; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion"
- Clearly state project goals, objectives and strategies, including performance indicators. Please include a 1-year projected timeline for all planned implementation strategies
- Describe how the organization will address cultural competence in proposal implementation. All BBHHF sub-grantees are required to receive cultural competence training and to ensure that no one will be discriminated against due to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, geography or socioeconomic status. All project materials associated with awarded funding should be developed at low literacy levels for further understanding and comprehension in WV communities
- Because of the confidential nature of the work provided by grantees, it is important to have safeguards protecting individuals from risks associated with their participation. The grantee should briefly explain how privacy and confidentiality will be ensured, including an explanation of what data will be collected and how it will be used

E. Partnerships and Sustainability

- List and describe all previous grants received by the organization and experience collaborating with other community partners in the proposed region, as well as any new partners with whom you plan to collaborate with for purposes of this project
- Grantees should discuss their current level of participation in the Governor's Regional Task Force Meetings held in their applicable region and their ability to attend future meetings

F. Budget/Budget Narrative (see information on page 21 for additional detail)

- Include a proposed target funding budget.
- Include a proposed capital/startup budget adhering strictly to guidelines provided on page 3 of this announcement.
- Include a budget narratives for each target fund budget submitted with specific details on how funds are to be expended
 - The budget narrative clarifies and supports the budget. The narrative should clearly specify the intent of and justify line items in the budget. Describe any potential for other funds or in kind support. These forms are not considered part of the page count.

Attachments: Do not count toward the 25 page limit

- Documentation of collaborations or partnerships with other organizations who
 have committed to the proposal may be summarized on up to four (4) single
 spaced pages as an attachment and will not count toward page limits set forth
 herein. Please list full partner information including agency name, their
 responsibilities for the proposed project, address, phone, key contact person and
 email address.
- Memorandum of Understanding documents may be attached if completed and available by the time of submission of the proposal but are not required.
- Letters of support may also be attached as earlier referenced.

Section Five: **EXPECTED OUTCOMES/PRODUCTS**

All grantees must discuss their ability to report the data collected in accordance with National Outcome Measures (NOMS), state guidelines and timeframes established by US Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and all other regulatory bodies. Specific outcome measures will include the following:

Treatment Performance Measures

Performance Measure	Admission Clients	Discharge Clients
Number of admission by level of care and number of	\square	
persons served		
Number of persons served (unduplicated count) for		
alcohol and other drug use by age, sex, race, and	\square	
ethnicity		
Number of clients employed or students (full-time or	✓	\square
part-time) prior 30 days		
Number of clients living in a stable living condition prior	\square	V
30 days		
Number of clients without arrests prior 30 days	Ø	\square
Number of clients with no alcohol use in the last 30 days	Ø	
Number of clients with no drug use in the last 30 days	Ø	Ø
Number of clients participating in self-help groups prior	\square	V
30 days		
Length of stay (in days) of clients completing treatment	☑	V

Peer Review Process

All grantees must discuss their willingness to participate in a peer-review process to assess the quality and appropriateness of substance services that will foster the increased availability and sustainability of evidence based practices, programs and policies.

Section Six: BUDGET/BUDGET NARRATIVE

- A. Include a proposed target funding budget with details by line item.
- B. Include a budget narrative with specific details on how funds are to be expended.
- C. The budget narrative clarifies and supports the budget. The narrative should clearly specify the intent of and justify each line item in the budget.
- D. Describe any potential for other funds or in kind support. Provide in narrative format. Please do not leave this section blank.
- E. Include expenses for attending quarterly provider meetings. Forms can be accessed through the web-site at: http://www.wvdhhr.org/bhhf/resources.asp

F. Allowable costs

Please note that Departmental Policies are predicated on requirements and authoritative guidance related to Federal grants management and administrative rules and regulations, Grantees shall be required to adhere to those same requirements when administering other DHHR grants or assistance programs, the source of which is non-Federal funds (e.g. state-appropriated general revenue and appropriated or non-appropriated special revenue funds) unless specifically provided direction to the contrary.

Cost Principles:

For each kind of grantee organization, there is a set of Federal cost principles for determining allowable costs. Allowable costs are determined in accordance with the cost principles applicable to the organization incurring the costs. The following chart lists the kinds of organizations and the applicable cost principles. The Grantee agrees to comply with the applicable cost principles as set forth below.

If the Grantee is a:	OMB Circulars Codified at:
State, local or Indian tribal government use the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87. Private nonprofit organization other than an (1) institution of higher education, (2) hospital, or (3) organization named in OMB Circular A-122 as not subject to that circular use the cost principles in OMB Circular A-122.	DHS codified at 45 C.F.R. § 92 and 45 C.F.R. § 95 USDA codified at 7 C.F.R. § 3016; EDUC codified at 34 C.F.R. § 80; EPA codified at 40 C.F.R. § 31. DHS codified at 45 C.F.R. § 74; USDA codified at 7 C.F.R. § 3019; EDUC codified at 34 C.F.R. § 74; EPA codified at 40 C.F.R. § 30.
Educational Institution use the cost principles in OMB Circular A-21.	DHS codified at 45 C.F.R. § 74; USDA codified at 7 C.F.R. § 3019; EDUC codified at 34 C.F.R. § 74; EPA codified at 40 C.F.R. § 30.
Hospital use the cost principles in Appendix E of 45 C.F.R. § 74.	DHS codified at 45 C.F.R. § 74; USDA codified at 7 C.F.R. § 3019; EDUC codified at 34 C.F.R. § 74; EPA codified at 40 C.F.R. § 30.
For-profit organization other than a hospital and an organization named in OMB Circular A-122 as not subject to that circular use the cost principles in 48 C.F.R. pt. 31 Contract Cost Principles and Procedures.	DHS codified at 45 C.F.R. § 74; USDA codified at 7 C.F.R. § 3019; EDUC codified at 34 C.F.R. § 74; EPA codified at 40 C.F.R. § 30.

Grantee Uniform Administrative Regulations:

For each kind of grantee organization, there is a set of Federal uniform administrative regulations. The following chart lists the kinds of organizations and the applicable uniform administrative regulations for each listed type of grantee.

If the Grantee is a:	OMB Circulars Codified at:
State, local or Indian tribal government use the uniform administrative requirements in OMB Circular A-102.	Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) codified at 45 C.F.R. § 92 and 45 C.F.R. § 95;
	Department of Agriculture (USDA) codified at 7 C.F.R. § 3016;
	Department of Education (EDUC) codified at 34 C.F.R. § 80;
	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) codified at 40 C.F.R. § 31.
Private nonprofit organization, institutions of higher education, or a hospital use the uniform administrative requirements in OMB Circular A-110.	DHS codified at 45 C.F.R. § 74;
	USDA codified at 7 C.F.R. § 3019;
	EDUC codified at 34 C.F.R. § 74;
	EPA codified at 40 C.F.R. § 30.
For-profit organization use the uniform administrative requirements in OMB Circular A-110.	DHS codified at 45 C.F.R. § 74
	USDA codified at 7 C.F.R. § 3019;
	EDUC codified at 34 C.F.R. § 74;
	EPA codified at 40 C.F.R. § 30.

Section Seven: ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Substance Abuse Treatment Standards

IOP programs provide ten (10) or more hours of structured programming per week, consisting primarily of counseling and education about substance-related and mental health problems. Clients' needs for psychiatric and medical services will be addressed through consultation and referral arrangements if the primary program does not have these services available. IOP programs are to have no less than three (3) three (3) hour groups per week combined with at least a single one (1) hour individual session per client per week. IOP programs should be a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in duration, although programs can choose to have longer programming.

Individual counseling sessions:

Individual counseling sessions are critical to the development of a relationship between the therapist and the client and for monitoring progress towards individual goals. These sessions can include significant others in the treatment planning if appropriate. Additional individual sessions may be necessary during periods of crisis and to address necessary changes in primary treatment. Individual sessions also offer the opportunity to work on issues unique to a particular client and can improve client retention in treatment.

Group counseling sessions are the crux of the IOP program. Broadly speaking, groups consist of psycho-educational, skill-development, support, and interpersonal process groups.

Psycho-educational groups: These groups provide a supportive environment in which clients learn about substance dependence and its consequences. These time-limited groups may be initiated at the beginning of treatment. They feature a low-key rather than emotionally intense environment. Rational problem-solving mechanisms to alter dysfunctional beliefs and thinking patterns are part of the early psycho-educational group work. Various forms of relapse prevention and skill training work is critical during the IOP group work. Didactic components are often supplemented by videos or slides to accommodate different learning styles in psycho-educational groups.

Skills-development groups: These groups offer clients the opportunity to practice specific behaviors in the safety of the treatment setting. Common types of skills training include:

Drug or alcohol refusal training: Clients act out scenarios in which they are invited to use substances and role play their responses.

Relapse prevention techniques: Using relapse prevention materials, clients analyze one another's personal triggers and high-risk situations for substance use and determine ways to manage or avoid them.

Assertiveness training: Clients learn the differences among assertive, aggressive, and passive behaviors and practice being assertive in different situations.

Stress management: Clients identify situations that cause stress and learn a variety of techniques to respond to stress.

Support groups (e.g., process-oriented recovery groups): These groups include clients in the same recovery stage—usually a middle to late phase of treatment—who are working on similar problems. Members focus on immediate issues and on pragmatic ways to change negative thinking, emotions, and behavior; learning and trying new ways of relating to others; tolerating or resolving conflict without resorting to violence or substance use; and, looking at how members' actions affect others and the function of the group.

Interpersonal process groups:

Single-interest groups: These groups—usually organized at a later stage of treatment - focus on an issue of particular significance to and sensitivity for group members. The issues include gender issues, sexual orientation, criminal offense, and histories of physical and sexual abuse.

Family or couples groups: These groups assist clients' relatives and other significant individuals in learning about the detrimental effects of substance use on relationships and how these effects can be ameliorated or resolved.

Section Eight: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Bureau for **Behavioral Health and Health Facilities** will provide technical assistance to all applicants through a scheduled technical assistance call and will offer email by contacting:

DHHR.BHHF.Grants@wv.gov

- 1. Additional data resources are available at the BBHHF web-site. Explore 'Links' to all Division Teams, including 'Prevention' with a sample of Substance-Specific Presentations.
 - http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bhhf/sections/programs/ProgramsPartnerships/AlcoholismandDrugAbuse/Pages/default.aspx
- 2. WV Behavioral Health Profile (also accessible by clicking 'Resources' on DADA webpage): Contains State-wide data pertaining to Substance Abuse and Mental Health issues, includes substance-specific data, suicide trends, etc. http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bhhf/resources/Documents/WV%202012%20Behavioral %20Health%20Profile.pdf
- 3. WV County Profiles: Contains County-level data pertaining to SA/MH issues, uses convenient 'at a glance' format http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bhhf/sections/programs/ProgramsPartnerships/AlcoholismandDrugAbuse/Research/Pages/CountyProfiles.aspx
- **4. WV Provider Manual:** Contains specific Medicaid regulations for services http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/ProviderManuals.aspx